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POLICE TALK MAN OUT OF JUMPING OFF BRIDGE

Riverside, CA – At approximately 10:09 am today, officers from the University Neighborhood Enforcement Team (UNET), a cooperative program between the Riverside Police Department and the California State University of Riverside, responded to a reported man threatening suicide at Linden Avenue and the 215 Freeway.

Despondent over his finances and a relationship the man climbed up a cement wall above the freeway, threatening to jump into traffic. Officers from the California Highway Patrol and the University of Riverside closed the freeway below the location. Two Riverside Police Officers began to talk to the subject and were able to quickly build a rapport based upon the officers and the subject all being U.S. Military veterans. After approximately 10 minutes, the officers convinced the man to come down off the wall and allow them to assist him with finding help for his issues.

No one was injured in the incident and traffic flow was re-established with only minimal delays. The man was transported to a local VA hospital for treatment.

